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SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY SIMON'S VISIT

1. DURING A MEETING ON OTHER MATTERS, FINANCE MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY POEHL RAISED WITH ME SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO GERMANY. FINANCE MINISTER APEL AND STATE SECRETARY POEHL WILL BOTH BE VACATIONING IN NORTHERN GERMANY AT THE TIME OF THE VISIT AND WHILE POEHL STRESSED THAT BOTH APEL AND HE WOULD BE WILLING TO RETURN TO BONN TO RECEIVE SECRETARY SIMON, THEY WONDERED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE JUST AS CONVENIENT TO SECRETARY SIMON (AND A GREAT DEAL MORE CONVENIENT TO THEM) TO MEET IN HAMBURG INSTEAD, WHICH POEHL THOUGHT WAS PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE AT THAT TIME OF YEAR.

2. CONCERNING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE VISIT, THE FINANCE MINISTRY IS THINKING IN TERMS OF TWO HOUR MEETING IN THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 22 (EITHER IN BONN OR HAMBURG) FOLLOWED BY A WORKING DINNER HOSTED BY APEL. THE GERMANS ARE THINKING OF A SMALL INTIMATE MEETING AND DINNER ATTENDED ON THEIR SIDE ONLY BY APEL AND POEHL AND ON THE US SIDE ONLY BY SIMON, CONFIDENTIAL

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BENNETT AND MYSELF. (I WILL, HOWEVER, UNFORTUNATELY

NOT BE IN GERMANY AT THE TIME.)

3. ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH WILL BE ABSENT FROM
BONN ON LEAVE DURING THE TIME OF SECRETARY SIMON'S
VISIT.
HILLENBRAND

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